



Chaplain Alexander (Invocation)

CAPT Flammang (Opening Remarks)

Welcome to the 2002 United States Naval Academy Sailing Awards Ceremony. We are pleased to have with us today RADM Bob McNitt, a former Dean of Admissions and author of the book Sailing at the US Naval Academy and an inductee to the Annapolis Maritime Hall of Fame; the Deputy Commandant of Midshipmen, CAPT Gregory Parker; The Director of the Naval Academy Athletic Association, Mr. Chet Gladchuk; Long time friend of Navy Sailing, CAPT Bob McWethy, and many other distinguished officers, friends and family. The purpose of our gathering today is to recognize and congratulate those midshipmen who have excelled under sail throughout the year.

We are all very proud of the outstanding accomplishments of the entire team, and the midshipmen who will receive awards today are the foundation of this nationally recognized program.

The plan today is for our distinguished guests, RADM McNitt, CAPT Parker, CAPT McWethy, and Mr. Gladchuk to present the trophies as I read the award and the winner's name. First, however, I would like to invite our coaches to recognize this year's "N" letter winners from the Offshore and Intercollegiate teams. Coach Nancy Haberland will be presenting the Offshore awards in lieu of Head Coach Brad Dellenbaugh's absence. Coach Dellenbaugh is currently in Europe umpiring match race events in Germany and Croatia. Coach Healy will be recognizing "N" Letter winners from the Intercollegiate Team.

We are pleased to have CAPT McWethy here today to present the first group of sailing awards

The **TABER-MCWETHY AWARDS** were established in recognition of the exceptional service contributed by LtGen Robert C. Taber, USA, retired and CAPT Robert D. McWethy, USN, retired in the development of the midshipman offshore sail program. This award is presented to the midshipmen whose professional competency, dedication, and performance during the Command and Seamanship Training Squadron Summer Cruise has set them apart from their contemporaries. This year's winner of the McWethy award is:



Winner: Midn. 3/c John D. Hill

To honor the Offshore and Intercollegiate Team Captains, we will next present the **Tony BILOTTI MEMORIAL AWARD**. The Tony BILOTTI MEMORIAL AWARD was presented by the Naval Academy Parents' Club of Northern California in memory of LTJG Tony Bilotti, class of 1977. This year's recipients are:



Winners: Midn. 1/c Robert Aho (Offshore)
Midn. 1/c Travis S. Weber (Intercollegiate)

Thank you, Capt McWethy.

The JV Offshore Sailing Team is the training ground for the Varsity Offshore Sailing Team. The following three awards recognize achievement in this program. RADM MCNITT, a founder and long-time supporter of Naval Academy Sailing, will present these awards.

THE LCDR ROBERT S. WILLIAMS SEAMANSHIP AWARD was established in 1997 in honor of LCDR Robert Williams, a Navy Pilot, NASS Member, and long time supporter Midship- man sailing. This award is presented to reward the efforts of novice members of the Junior Varsity Off- shore Team. The winner is the 4/c novice sailor who displayed the most improvement during the year.



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Winner: Midn. 4/c Kellen C. Mollahan

The **REAR ADMIRAL JAMES L. HOLLOWAY JR. TROPHY** was presented to the Naval Academy by Mr. Decoursey Fales, past Commodore of the New York Yacht Club, in honor of Rear ADM James L. Holloway, Jr. who served as Superintendent of the Naval Academy 1947-1950. This trophy is awarded to the midshipman who has contributed most to Varsity Offshore J-24 Sailing through leader-ship, dedication to the team, and sailing skills.

Winner: Midn 4/c Andrew D. Warner

The **RUSS GITTINGS TROPHY** was established by the Naval Academy Sailing Squadron in honor of Mr. Russ Gittings, in recognition of his support of the Naval Academy Sailing Program. This trophy is awarded to the midshipman skipper who wins the J-24 Team Sailing Fall Competition.

Winner: Midn. 3/c Kenneth Chad Ingle

Thank you Admiral. CAPT Parker will present the next seven awards to members of the Varsity Offshore Team.

The **HIGHLAND LIGHT TROPHY** was conceived by the Naval Academy as a memorial to Mr. Dudley Wolfe and the yacht *Highland Light*, which he donated to the Naval Academy. The trophy is made from the wheel of *Highland Light*. This trophy is awarded to the skipper of the Naval Academy boat with the best overall finishing position in the Annapolis Race Week.

Winner: Midn 1/c George P. Roland



The **ROYONO TROPHY** is presented to the midshipman skipper with the best combined finishing positions in the Naval Academy Sailing Squadron's Race to Oxford and the Tred Avon Yacht Club's Hammond Memorial Race.

Winner: Midn 1/c Michael C. Smith



The **NEW YORK YACHT CLUB TROPHY** was gifted to the Naval Academy in honor of LT Lloyd Phoenix, USN, class of 1861. On August 5, 1911, The New York Yacht Club Cruise Trophy was won by the yacht *Intrepid*, owned and skippered by LT Phoenix. This trophy is awarded to the skipper with the best overall finishing position in the Annapolis Yacht Club Fall Series.

Winner: Midn. 1/c Brian Ray.

The **AVANTI TROPHY** was presented to the Naval Academy by Mr. Walter N. Rothschild. In 1957, Mr. Rothschild donated his yacht *Avanti* to the midshipmen of the Naval Academy. Before the yacht could be delivered, Hurricane Carole lashed the New England coast and destroyed her. Mr. Rothschild recovered *Avanti's* wheel and sent it to the Academy to be made into a trophy. This year this award is presented to the skipper of the Naval Academy boat with the best finishing positions in the Naval Academy Sailing Squadron Spring Race.



Winner: Midn 2/c Conor P. Latham

The **PARKER MEMORIAL BOWL** was presented to the Naval Academy by Mr. E. Bates McKee of Annapolis to honor ADM Harold E Parker, an ardent sailor. This award is presented to the midshipman skipper of the sailboat in the Spring Long Distance Race with the best corrected time.

Winner: Midn. 1/c Rob Aho



The **ADM HARRY W. HILL TROPHY** was presented to the Naval Academy by Mr. Decoursey Fales in honor of ADM Hill, a former Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy. This award is presented to the midshipman who has demonstrated the greatest skill, leadership and teaching abilities in the role of trimmer on an offshore sailing boat.

Winner: Midn. 1/c Jeffrey A. Smith



The **KNICKERBOCKER YACHT CLUB AWARD** was presented to the Naval Academy in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Knickerbocker Yacht Club. This award is presented to the midshipman who has demonstrated the greatest leadership and skill on the foredeck of an offshore sailing boat.

Winner: Midn. 1/c Brett E. Elko



Thank-you Capt. Parker. Mr. Gladchuck will present the next seven awards to members of the Intercollegiate Team.

The **ANNE CAMPBELL TROPHY** is awarded to the winners of the Campbell Regatta, a five-race series. The Campbell Regatta was initiated by the Varsity Dinghy Team in 1974 to honor Mrs. Anne Campbell, a devoted and loyal friend of the Naval Academy Sailing Team.

Winners: Midn 1/c Travis S. Weber
Midn 1/c Emelia M. Spencer



The **ULMER-SEELIG MEMORIAL TROPHY** was established in 1972 to promote the coeducational aspects of Intercollegiate dinghy racing for the midshipmen of the Dinghy Team and is awarded to the winners of the Commissioning Week Regatta.

Winners: Midn. 3/c Doug Morea and his crew, a Weber family brother, Royce Weber



The **LCDR ROBERT S. WILLIAMS SEAMANSHIP AWARD**, which recognizes the most improved 4/c novice sailor on the Junior Varsity Offshore Team, also recognizes the most improved 4/c novice sailor of the Intercollegiate Sailing Team. The winner of this award on the Intercollegiate Sailing Team is:

Winner: Midn. 4/c Monica L. Meese



The **JULIA BABINEAU MEMORIAL TROPHY** is presented in memory of Coast Guard Cadet Julia Babineau who was an exchange student to the Naval Academy in 1980 and became a valued member of the Varsity Dinghy Team. The following spring she was killed in a sailing accident at the Coast Guard Academy. This award is presented to the midshipman who has contributed most as a crew member on the Intercollegiate Team.



Winner: Midn. 2/c Sarah E. Atwater

The **CLASS OF 1916 TROPHY** was presented to the Naval Academy by Mr. Harris K. Lyle in memory of members of the class of 1916 lost as a result of enemy action. This trophy is awarded to the midshipman who has contributed most to Intercollegiate single-handed sailing during the year through leadership, dedication to the Team, and sailing skills.



Winner: Midn. 4/c Spencer G. Weber

The **CORNELIUS SHIELDS TROPHY** was established by the Naval Academy Sailing Squadron in honor of Mr. Cornelius Shields, Sr. who served a number of years on the Fales Committee as an advisor to the Academy on sailing matters. This trophy is awarded to the midshipman of the Intercollegiate team who has contributed the most during the year through leadership, dedication to the team, and sailing skills.



Winner: Midn. 1/c Travis S. Weber

The **RUSTY CAVILEER TROPHY** is presented in honor of Mr. Albert C. Cavileer, a charter member of the Naval Academy Sailing Squadron from 1947 until his accidental death in 1962. He served as sailing coach and adviser to midshipmen on the yawls and ocean racers. The RUSTY CAVILEER TROPHY is awarded to the midshipman who has contributed most to Varsity double-handed sailing during the past year through leadership, dedication to the Team, and sailing skills.



Winner: Midn. 2/c Troy A. Treaccar

Thank you, Mr. Gladchuck. Now, both CAPT Parker and Mr. Gladchuck will jointly present the final three awards, the highlight of the ceremony today.

The **DUBOSE TROPHY** was presented to the Naval Academy by the Intercollegiate Sailing Association. This trophy is awarded to the midshipman of the graduating class who has contributed the most to Varsity Offshore Sailing during the past year through leadership, dedication to the team, and sailing skills.

Winner: Midn. 1/c Michael C. Smith



The **FAIR AMERICAN TROPHY** was presented to the Naval Academy by Harris K. Lyle. This trophy is awarded to the outstanding woman sailor of the Varsity Sailing Team.

Winner: Midn. 1/c Emelia M. Spencer



The final award today is the **JOHN PAUL JONES TROPHY**. It was presented to the Naval Academy by Mr. Carleton Mitchell, past Rear Commodore of the Cruising Club of America, and Mr. Decoursey Fales, past Commodore of the New York Yacht Club.

This trophy is awarded to the midshipman of the graduating class who contributed the most to Intercollegiate sailing during the past year. In selecting the winner of this award, qualities of leadership, character, spirit, and sportsmanship, sailing skills, and individual effort are considered.

Winner: Midn. 1/c Travis S. Weber



Thank-you Capt. Parker and Mr. Gladchuk.

Closing Remarks by Capt. Flammang

Chaplain Alexander (Benediction)